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1. On the morning of 15 March 1954, 8 x 76-mm AA guns and about 15 trucks were loaded at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station.
2. On 15 March, a train of about 30 flatcars with sideracks arrived in Fuerstenwalde from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. Eighteen cars carried 4 to 5 short-barrelled guns, which were similar to 45-mm AT guns, and about 10 cars carried a two-axle outrigger-type gun mount which, in the center had a canvas-covered superstructure, possibly a searchlight.
- 25X1 3. [redacted] on 20 March, tanks returning from exercises were loaded at Wittstock railroad station for shipment toward Parchim. No loadings were observed on 21 and 22 March. In the evening on 21 March, another train was loaded in Wittstock. Trucks and AT guns were identified.
4. At about 9 p.m. on 22 March, a train from the direction of Neuruppin passed through Wittstock toward Parchim. The last cars of the train carried three T-34 tanks, three 85-mm AT guns and 4-meter long tree trunks.
5. In the early morning of 23 March, a column including about 30 trucks and about 30 x 85-mm AT guns passed through Wittstock, coming from a southwesterly direction and proceeding toward the north. [redacted] more columns were seen en route toward the same direction during the morning. 25X1
6. On 23 March, [redacted] a command car was sidetracked at Ellerholz railroad station and that such cars were seen at all stations where large entraining and detraining operations were under way. 25X1
- 25X1 7. [redacted] since about 20 March, locomotives stationed in Wittstock have continuously been sent to Pritzwalk, to pick up troop trains bound for Wittenberge. The trains were taken over by other locomotives in Wittenberge. 2
- 25X1 8. On the evening of 20 March 1954, a train from Kyritz was unloaded at Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. [redacted] the train was bound for Altengrabow. Another train from Kyritz was unloaded in Brandenburg during the night of 21 March. 3 25X1

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9. On 23 March, a unit of 18 x 56-mm AT guns, 36 trucks, 2 field kitchens, 1 ambulance and 1 sedan and about 140 soldiers from the Flak Kaserne (2002), Brandenburg, was entrained. The shipment was bound for Muhlwinkel near Tangerhuetten. 4
10. On 22 March, 15 trucks, 12 x 85-mm AT guns and an ambulance were cleaned in front of a garage in the Flak Kaserne (2002). As, since 15 March 1954, no 85-mm AT guns had been observed in this installation, [redacted] 25X1 that the aforementioned vehicles had arrived from Kyritz during the night before. 3 On 24 March, troops trained with 8 x 85-mm AT guns. During the evening on 24 March, two buildings of the installation were about 50 percent lighted and two buildings were fully lighted.
11. On 16 March, a train with 37-mm AA guns, trucks and radio trucks stood at Perleberg railroad station. The shipment had been loaded at the airfield (5342) and proceeded toward Ludwigslust. [redacted] 25X1 two troop trains were ready for loading in Perleberg on 27 March and more trains were to be assembled in Friesack on 28 March. 5
12. On 24 March, 5 columns arrived in Neuruppin from the direction of Potsdam. They included 5 BA-64s and about 200 motor vehicles including 20 ZIS-3s. The troops carried full pack and included some with red-bordered black epaulets. 6 [redacted] 25X1 From 14 to 16 March, 4 or 5 troop trains from Meyenburg, carrying AT guns, artillery pieces, AA guns, engineer troops and infantry, drove toward an easterly direction via Freyenstein, Wittstock, Neuruppin and Kremmen. 7 [redacted] 25X1 that the tanks from Neuruppin returned to the post by rail during the night of 16 March. 8
13. During the early morning hours of 13 March, JSU-152s [redacted] and a truck were detrained at Kaulsdorf freight station. [redacted] 25X1 25X1 25X1
14. On 22 March, 5 JSU-52s, [redacted] were entrained 25X1 at Kaulsdorf freight station. [redacted] 25X1 The train was headed toward east. No other vehicles were entrained up to the afternoon. 9

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- 25X1 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] trains [redacted] 25X1 were dispatched from Fuerstenwalde to Cottbus on 15 March for exercises with units of the 7th Gds Mech Div. As the information on the caliber indicates that the AAA belong to the 63d AAA Div (US), it seems that small elements of the division participated in the exercises.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The shipments and columns observed at the railroad station and in town respectively carried elements of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, predominantly units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The units returned to their post from exercises. The artillery column observed passing through Wittstock on the morning of 23 March presumably belonged to the 4th Gds Arty Brig (US) of the corps.

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25X1 [ ] It presumably carried elements of the 2511th AAA  
Regt of the 18th Mech Div from the airfield. Other units of the regiment  
seemed to follow a week later.
- 25X1 6. [ ] Comment. The fact that the troops came from the direction of Potsdam  
tends to indicate that units of the 10th Gds Tank Div transferred by road  
from Krampnitz to the area northwest of Neuruppin in order to participate in  
exercises of the 6th Gds Mech Div, possibly representing the enemy group.  
Components of this division arrived in the Mirow-Neustrelitz area between  
20 and 23 March.
- 25X1 7. [ ] Comment. [ ] shipments from the area of the 94th Gds  
25X1 Mtz Rifle Div which were en route to the exercises mentioned in [ ] Comment 25X1  
2 of the report. From Neuruppin, the trains proceeded toward Loewenberg and  
Rheinsberg rather than Kremen.
- 25X1 8. [ ] Comment. No pertinent information is available. The statements are  
not given credence, as the departure of the four tank regiments of the 12th  
Gds Tank Div stationed in Neuruppin was not observed.
- 25X1 25X1 9. [ ] Comment. [ ] tanks and SP guns of the 68th  
Gds Tank Regt (US) of the 6th Gds Mech Div were detained on 13 March. [ ] 25X1  
25X1 [ ] the departure of these tanks from East Berlin on 5 March. 25X1  
25X1 [ ] [ ] according to the present  
report, they carried tank units of the 6th Gds Mech Div. The units were to  
participate in division exercises. [ ] 25X1

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